

Application No. 10/657,512
Amendment dated SEPTEMBER 6, 2006
Reply to Office Action dated June 6, 2006

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REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated June 6, 2006. Claims 34, 36-38, 44-46, 51, 52, and 54-62 are pending in the Application, wherein claims 44 and 45 have been rejected and claims 34, 36-38, 46, 51, 52, and 54-62 have been allowed. Claims 44 and 45 have been cancelled with this Response.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 34, 36-38, 46, 51, 52, and 54-62 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C §103

Claims 44 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marshall, U.S. Patent No. 4,266,154, in view of Millas, U.S. Patent No. 5,512,011, and further in view of Grutza et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,965,623. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the current grounds of rejection for claims 44 and 45, these claims have been cancelled in order to further prosecution of the application. Because none of the remaining claims are rejected by the Examiner, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the entire pending claim set is allowable.


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Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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